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1. [REDACTED] - SWH) Marcia MacNaughton, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, returned my call, subject of which was an inquiry into the status of S. 3418 which is now in Committee markup. MacNaughton said that the current draft bill requires all agencies to adhere to certain sections, including the provisions for notice in the Federal Registry. She said we could pick up a copy of the bill Monday morning.

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2. [REDACTED] - SWH) Received a call from Don Pressley, OGC/AID, inquiring into our readings of the amendment proposed by Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) to the Foreign Assistance Authorization Act. We agreed that the text of Representative Harrington's amendment, that we have in our possession, does not seem to accomplish the objectives of limiting CIA covert actions abroad as indicated in his floor speech on 1 August. We agreed to keep each other informed of the fast moving developments on this bill.

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3. [REDACTED] - PLC) Called Frank Reeder, OMB, and discussed OMB's request for Agency comments on the latest alternate draft circulated by OMB on H.R. 12206, dated July 12, 1974, and revised July 16, 1974. The draft was prepared by the staff of the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, Government Operations Committee. I explained to Reeder that Bill Phillips had informed me that there were changes made to the draft and that since there have been so many new drafts, Chairman William S. Moorhead (D., Pa.) had introduced another bill, H.R. 16183, for subcommittee markup. Reeder agreed that we should address our comments to the new bill rather than the latest alternate draft.

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4. [REDACTED] - PLC) During a chance meeting with Doug Marvin, Senator Roman L. Hruska's (R., Nebr.) staff man on the Senate Judiciary Committee, he mentioned that the conference committee on H.R. 12471, which amends the Freedom of Information Act to facilitate demands by any person for Government information, is scheduled to meet next week. He indicated that a number of the members who are not satisfied with the bill will not show up. They hope for a lack of a quorum. He added that this tactic may prevent a vote on the bill.

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